Suffolk ss. To the Hon.ble the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County and the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Boston

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The Petition of Thomas Grant Mariner

Humbly sheweth — That he bore the King of England's Commission on board the Tartar Frigate at Rhode Island when that State was invaded, but from a conviction of the cruelty & injustice of the War against America he took the first opportunity of breaking away from so disgraceful a service, and is now esteemed by the Enemy as a Deserter — That your Petitioner delivered up his said Commission to General Sullivan, & received of him a receipt therefor together with a Certificate for a safe passport to this State — and as your Petitioner could not with safety during the present War, engage in the Sea Service, he has in order to support his Family & four Children, of the Wife he took in this Town, opened a Store in Fore Street near Hancock's Wharff, well situated for a Trade with the People who come in Respect from the Eastward, &

over

the Ferrys, and having a large quantity of Wine
Rum & such Articles, as those Traders usually
purchase, he finds himself under great difficulty
from not being able to supply them with Wat Indies
& other Spirits without a licence; and has the
mortification to find his Customers obliged to go to
such Persons as are licenced, for the good, they had rather
take of him. — Your Petitioner therefore humbly
prays your Honors to put him on an equal advantage
with the other Traders in his way of business, by granting
him a Licence to Retail Wine Rum &c. at his usual
Store, as the number of Ferrying Houses will not be
thereby increased, but his custom retained, & the
duties on Liquors sold by him secured to the
Publick — and as in duty bound will pray

Tho. Grant

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The Selectmen recommend the within
named Petitioner as a Person of sober Life &
Conversation suitably qualified & provided for
the Exercise of the Employment of a
Retailer of Spirituous Liquors

By order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

Thomas Grants Petition
1702

~~Allowed~~ Allowed

Granted

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